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# LEWIS ORDERED TO COURT MONDAY

By ROB F. HALL

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Federal District Court here late today issued an order directing John L. Lewis to appear in court next Monday "to show cause, if any" why he and the United Mine Workers should not be punished for contempt of court. The order was issued as all soft**

coal mines came to a dead stop when 400,000 miners walked out.

The writ was granted by Federal District Judge A. Alan Goldsborough on motion of U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark shortly after 5 o'clock. Papers were immediately handed the U. S. marshal

**WELCH, W. Va., Nov. 21.—Two members of the United Mine Workers were killed in an isolated section of mountainous McDowell county near here tonight by an independent coal operator, state police reported.**

with instructions to serve them on Lewis at once.

If Lewis loses his argument before Goldsborough on Monday, he will be tried next Wednesday. The citation accuses Lewis and the UMW of civil, rather than criminal contempt, and hence there is no limit on the penalty Goldsborough may impose if he finds the defendants guilty.

The specific charge against Lewis and the union, as related in the brief filed by the Justice Department, is that they have "willfully, wrongfully and deliberately disobeyed and violated" the temporary restraining order issued by Goldsborough last Monday. This was the injunction directing Lewis to withdraw his notice of the termination of the contract between the United Mine Workers and the Department of the Interior.

The Justice Department was faced with a delicate legal problem. Lewis never issued a strike call. He simply notified members of the union that the contract under which they had been working would expire at midnight, Nov. 20.

For this reason, the government has had rough going in establishing its claim that miners are on strike and that the UMW leadership is responsible.

However, in an effort to make a good case for itself, U. S. Assistant General John F. Sennett filed with Judge Goldsborough an affidavit signed by N. H. Collison, of the Department of Interior, Coal Mine Administrator under government operation.

The Collison affidavit charges that at the coal mines on Nov. 18 "there com-

menced a strike, cessation of and refusal to work by members of the defendant union which increased daily until midnight, Nov. 20.

"Since that hour and up to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 21, there has occurred a walkout, strike, cessation of and refusal to work by substantially all of the members of the defendant union employed at the coal mines in possession of the government."

To support the claim that this is a dire national emergency, Collison asserts that prior to Nov. 18 these mines produced 87 percent of the coal production of the nation.

The move to cite Lewis and the miners for contempt, instituted by President Truman from his vacation retreat on the Florida Keys, has aroused the indignation of all sections of labor who regard it as a threat not only to Lewis and the UMW but to all trade unions.

Labor lawyers privately indicated the flimsy grounds upon which the citation rests. The use of the injunction by the government is held illegal because it violated the Norris-LaGuardia Act forbidding injunctions in labor disputes. The government maintains the act refers only to employers and is not binding on the government.

Labor circles contend that the miners have solid ground under them in their claim that the contract with Secretary of Interior Krug can be reopened. The Justice Department denies this.

Reactionary Congressmen have been quick to take advantage of the mine situation. Tonight Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va), urged Truman to call a special session of Congress if present labor laws need to be strengthened to enable him to act "effectively."

Sen. Joseph Ball (R-Minn), said the miners' action "comes very close to insurrection."

If coal miners do not return to work, said Ball "Congress will be forced to clothe the government somehow with sufficient power to meet such a crisis." Or, he suggested, "the government will meet"

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## WORLD EVENTS

# France, China, Poland Favor Troop Census; Bevin Hedges

By Joseph Clark

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 21.—France, China and Poland today supported the Soviet proposal that all members of the UN reveal what troops they have in foreign countries. Britain's Ernest Bevin told the Political and Security Committee of the General Assembly this morning that he would support the Soviet proposal—only on condition that it was combined with the Soviet disarmament proposal.

At the same meeting Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov declared information on troops would help the UN carry out its pledge to establish an international military force. In addition, he added, it would contribute to political stability. It would enable the world to judge whether such forces in foreign countries were applying political pressure.

Bevin then took the floor and took issue with Molotov's statement that his proposal would serve a good political purpose. The British Foreign Secretary added, however:

"If this is taken as a single consideration we cannot accept it, but we will support it . . . if the whole thing is taken together . . . dealing with the disarmament of all countries."

## DEFENDS U.S. IN CHINA

While Wellington Koo of China supported the Soviet resolution, he went out of his way to defend the presence of American troops in his country. He said they were there "in connection with the disarming and evacuation of Japanese soldiers and nationals." Although that has already taken place, Koo did not say why American troops still remain in China.

Panama's delegates Ricardo Alfaro also took pains to defend the U.S. military control of the Panama Canal. However, he said, the U.S. had violated its pledge to evacuate all military bases in his country after the war was over. This, Alfaro said, was merely a dispute about whether the war was over.

Alexandre Parodi of France noted the cause of disarmament would be furthered by a census of armed forces in foreign lands. Poland's J. Winiewicz declared the information would be a boon to the smaller countries.



**He Should Have Listened:** Sen. Tom Connally of Texas is shown studying his fingernails as Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov tells the UN General Assembly that the USSR is willing to present figures on troops in enemy as well as friendly nations and, in disarmament discussions, on troops at home. If Connally had listened he might not have berated the Russians shortly thereafter for refusing to disclose their troop dispositions.

## Correspondents in Bucharest Find 'Complete Order' at Polls

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Forty-seven foreign correspondents in Bucharest, capital of Romania, have published a declaration that Tuesday's elections "occurred in complete order and without any physical or moral pressure," the Romanian legation reported here today.

The statement was circulated by Emil Bure, representative of the Paris newspaper *Ordre*, and by the chairman of the Bucharest Foreign Correspondents Association.

"The secrecy of the ballot was strictly guarded," the newsmen reported.

Heavy voting kept the polls open until Wednesday morning.

The first official returns from 21 counties show great majorities for the bloc of democratic parties, especially in the provinces of Walla-

chia and Moldavia. The maximum obtained by the opposition National Peasant Party list of Dr. Juliu Maniu was in Masaud county, where it obtained 30 percent of the total vote.

The returns in Bucharest were: Bloc of Democratic parties 424,826; National Peasant Party.....45,187; National Liberal Party.....12,874; Dissident Social-Democrats 10,287; Dissident National Peasant 15,330.

Minor parties got the rest of a total vote of 515,581 cast in Bucharest.

Final official results gave the six-party National Democratic Front 340 seats; the Hungarian Peoples' Union, closely allied with the Government coalition, 29 seats; Dr. Maniu's National Peasant Party, 32; Bratianu's National Liberals, three, and Independent Liberals one.

Six persons, including soldiers guarding the polls, were killed and many injured in a number of opposition attacks on voting places, the Romanian Interior Ministry announced.

## Politics and Bargain Basements

By Milton Howard

PM'S COLUMNS are well known for advice on bargains in electric toasters and underwear. Good advice, too, and carefully checked for accuracy. But its editorial writer, Max Lerner, is branching out to offer PM's readers a political bargain. Cheap, easy to use, and guaranteed to be without risk.

This political bargain is Mr. Lerner's favorite recipe for fighting reaction in the United States. This is the way he describes it:

"The central problem we shall face in the next decade will be that of building a trade union and political progressive movement which is clearly non-Communist, but which does not spend its best energies in Communist witch-hunting." (Nov. 19).

That's the alluring political bargain PM is offering—an anti-fascist, anti-Monopoly united front in America which will be

"clearly non-Communist," but which won't engage in Red-baiting and witch-hunting.

This will be the marvel of the age. It will be the death of GOP reaction because it will deprive them of their main argument—that the progressive movement is Communist. It should be acceptable to Communists, naturally, since it will defeat reaction, and it will not "spend its best energies in Communist witch-hunts."

A great little scheme. Not exactly new, of course. It has been tried in other countries, with dismal results. No country has been known to exist where a non-Communist left was able to persuade its enemies that it was "clearly non-Communist." Reaction makes its own definitions of "communism." The German Socialists staked their entire political life on proving to German fascism that they were "clearly non-Communist." We know the results. Mr. Lerner's formula, if applied, will electrocute the very liberal-labor alliance he properly sees as urgently needed to rout the new Hooverism.

LET'S APPLY a political "consumer's guide" test to Mr. Lerner's "non-Communist" alliance of labor, liberals and Roosevelt Democrats.

Why does Mr. Lerner think it's bad to have Communists in the democratic line-up fighting Hooverism? Because he says this permits the GOP to label the unions and the liberals as "Communists." In fact, he argues that the GOP won the recent elections "because there was a break in the labor movement and among the independent liberals" and this was caused mainly because the GOP "was able to label the labor part of the coalition as 'Communist'." (Nov. 20).

The problem then is how to keep the GOP and the industrialists of the country from labelling the new labor-liberal coalition as "Communist." The answer is simple. Let the coalition which is fighting the GOP and Wall Street prove to its political enemies that it is "clearly non-Communist."

RIGHT from the start, then, Mr. Lerner's plan for the

urgently needed labor-liberal coalition is for it to make itself respectable in the eyes of its enemies. But how?

By kicking the Communists out?

But Mr. Lerner himself says sternly that such witch-hunts "lead down the Gadarene slope that leads to the direst ideological reign of terror" in which remark he is wholly right.

But how then will Mr. Lerner prove to Herbert Hoover, Senator Taft, and Col. McCormick that his projected anti-Hoover line-up is a "loyal" opposition, holding different views, to be sure, but not to be confused with any such wicked thing as a "Communist" movement?

Mr. Lerner is caught in the trap which he himself has prepared for himself, and—what is worse—which he is trying to sell to the American liberal movement. To prove to the GOP that his anti-Republican Party movement is "clearly non-

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## WORLD BRIEFS



HUMAN VIVISECTION trial preliminaries began in Nuernberg, where 23 medical scientists pleaded not guilty to torturing hundreds of thousands of concentration camp inmates in experiments. The United Press reported they "slashed or crushed the bones, nerves and muscles of their victims. Into the slashes, Dr. Bertha Oberhauser and others forced ground glass, wood chips and disease germs to induce gas gangrene, tetanus and other deadly ills."

CHRISTMAS RELEASE was promised 4,000 German prisoners in the American zone by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney. Their sentences were to have expired shortly.

DISAPPEARANCE of Polish art treasures from Canada was blamed on a trans-Atlantic conspiracy. The Polish embassy bulletin in London said Scotland Yard and the British Foreign Office have looked the other way. It indicated high Canadian clergymen and officials of the former Polish exile government were involved.

KESSELING arrived in Rome to testify on behalf of the defendants in the Rome trial of von Mackensen and Maeltzer. The latter two generals were in command when 335 Italians were murdered in the Ardeatine caves. Debate now is over who said reprisals had to be 10 Italians for one German killed by the underground.

GREEK government calumnies against Yugoslavia "threatens to render impossible further relations" between the two countries, a Belgrade foreign office spokesman said. He flatly denied his country was aiding or inciting the Greek guerillas. Greece's internal affairs, he said, "have worsened to such an extent that the Greek government is now fighting the Greek people on the open battlefield." He pointed out that much of the fighting is taking place far from the Yugoslav frontier.

### UN Delegates to Be At 'Spanish Salute'

Representatives of the United Nations will be guests of honor at the Christmas Salute to Spanish Republicans at Madison Square Garden Dec. 16, it was announced yesterday by Dorothy Parker, chairman of the Spanish Refugee Appeal. Among the representatives who will be present are Alexandre Parodi of France, Dr. Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia, Stanoje Simich of Yugoslavia, Dr. Carlos Stoll of Venezuela and Alberto Ulloa of Peru.

Vincente Lombardo Toledano, President of the Latin American Confederation of Labor will fly to New York for the meeting. He will be introduced by Jacob Potofsky, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, former Spanish Republican Foreign Minister will also speak. Bishop Arthur W. Moulton of Utah will preside over the Salute.

Paul Robeson and Paul Draper are among the top-flight celebrities who will appear on the program.

### She Heard Right

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21 (UP).—Mrs. Dorothy Henn, 28-year-old British bride of an ex-GI, thought she had misunderstood her doctor. "Quadruplets," she said. "Is that an American expression?"

The doctor assured her it was not slang. Unless all the signs are wrong, he said, Mrs. Henn will become the mother of quadruplets in January.

## LABOR and the NATION

NATIONAL SCENE



**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT** lawyers said yesterday that the government is ready to prosecute again the mass sedition trial defendants. Chief Justice Bolitha J. Laws is scheduled to hear 20 defense motions today to dismiss the case. The first trial, which opened April, 1944, and lasted eight months, ended in a mistrial with the death of presiding judge, Chief Justice Edward C. Elcher.

The first inmates of Alcatraz to spend an overnight away from "the rock" left their county cells for federal court and trials on charges of conspiracy to murder an Alcatraz guard. The tight-lipped trio, Miran E. Thompson, Clarence Carnes and Sam R. Shockley, participated in the attempted mass escape and bloody rioting last May.

Stocks cracked more than \$1,000,000,000 yesterday, losing most of it in the final hour.

### Eddie, Ida Get Back 100 Gs. Tax Refund

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Comedian Eddie Cantor and his wife, Ida, have been refunded a total of more than \$100,000 by the government because they over-paid income taxes in 1945.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue said Cantor's refund was \$52,280.13. His wife's was \$51,759.59.

## Communists Say Truman Bows To GOP in Coal Mine Situation

The following statement on the coal mine situation was issued yesterday by William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Eugene Dennis, general secretary, Communist Party.

AT THE heart of the struggle in the coal fields is the vital issue that confronts every worker, organized and unorganized, every farmer, every professional.

This issue is dramatized by the single factor that it costs every miner 25 percent more to live now than it did when the government signed a contract with the miners last May.

The very government which yielded to Big Business Republican "free enterprise" by lifting rationing and price controls is now trying to whip the miners in behalf of the mine operators because they want their wages increased to meet the higher living costs.

President Truman refused to use the powers of the federal government to seize the meat industry when Big Business, in cooperation with the national Republican leadership, sabotaged production to break price controls. Instead, he gave Big Business what it wanted—the right to empty the pockets of the people without let or hindrance.

But Truman does not hesitate to use the powers of the government, including injunctions and the threat of troops, against the miners when they dare to resist this unlimited looting by asking for increased wages to meet skyrocketing prices.

But let's not make any mistake



TRUMAN, at airport in Florida, as he awaits arrival of Reconstruction Director John R. Steelman with report on mine situation.

about Truman's action. He is executing Republican policy. His moves against the miners are the fruit of the Republican congressional victory of Nov. 5. He has been joined by Republican state administrations who are already preparing to order out the militia against the miners.

Leaders of the GOP in Congress have already made it perfectly clear that they plan to move against labor when they take over in January. Truman is acting in their behalf. Those from labor's ranks who called for a Republican victory must share the responsibility for what is happening now.

The great gains made in labor and social welfare under the

Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt stand in danger of being wiped out, just as FDR's policy of Big Three unity is being scuttled. This is the goal of the trusts and their Republican Party; the Truman Administration is their willing servant.

After Big Business smashed price controls through sabotage, the least the government could have done was to take advantage of its control of the mines to set an example for the rest of the country by raising wages to meet increased prices.

If the mine owners persisted in refusing to accept such increased wage terms, the government could have continued to operate the mines in the interests of the entire country.

By rejecting the miners' request for wage increases, by trying to break their struggle for those increases, the government is cooperating with Big Business and the mine operators in their campaign to tear down the living standards of the working class.

Wall Street and its newspapers are trying to hide this fact. They are trying to shift the issue to whether or not the workers have the right to strike in a government-controlled industry—which means, in reality, against the mine owners.

They are trying to defeat the miners as a means of blocking the wage and living demands not of the miners alone, but of the entire working class.

They know well that labor has been getting ready to fight back against the mounting exploitation of the workers since price control was destroyed. They have been getting ready for that fight.

Big Business sees in the struggle of the miners a chance to try to cow the entire working class, to put a damper on the preparations of the CIO for the coming wage struggles in the basic industries.

The fight of the miners has thus been transformed both into a struggle to protect trade union rights and into the opening gun in the national drive for increased wages to meet higher living costs. The CIO recognized this when it passed a resolution attacking the use of the injunction against the United Mine Workers.

Such resolutions of support to the miners are exceedingly important and will doubtless be followed up by labor everywhere, as well as by the progressives in every community.

What is now most urgently needed, as the Communist Party has continually insisted, is united action of all CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions, nationally and locally, to protest the use of the injunction, to block the anti-labor legislation which the GOP is preparing to introduce into Congress and to wage a concerted battle for an increased wage for all who work for a living in industry, office or government.

Rally in united support for the just wage demands of the miners! Demand that the miners receive justice—not injunctions or bayonets! Unite to defend the trade unions and the people from the profiteers, strikebreakers and open-shoppers!

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER,  
National Chairman,  
Communist Party,  
EUGENE DENNIS,  
General Secretary.

### A Miner's Wife Writes a Letter: 'Our Men Slave, Dark to Dark'

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 21 (FP).—The case of the rank and file coal miners was outlined Nov. 20 in a letter to the editor of the Charleston Daily Gazette as the showdown came between the United Mine Workers and the federal government.

Written in a painstaking hand "on behalf of 50 persons in Westerly, W. Va.," Mrs. Inez Franco wrote:

"I am a miner's wife and we have six children. This letter expresses the sentiments of a large group of miners and their wives. Our men are slaving from dark to dark, it seems, with everyone and everything against them. They need shorter hours for health's sake, if nothing else. Cannot the government and the operators see this? It seems not."

"Many were the sons of miners who fought the last war. Even

they are not being treated fair since their return. I know that hearts are still broken and bleeding over those that died that we may be free. What is freedom, in the minds of those that control our government? Why must the hard working miners have to fight so hard to get a decent contract? They are not dumb brutes. They are humans."

"If the peoples of the world are watching us in these United States, I wonder what they see. If our unions were outlawed, we'd be as hungry as they in a month's time. I mean the poor people of America, not the rich. But I think the laboring class are the majority."

"We want fair treatment, so that we might be able to raise our families decently. How else can they become good citizens?"

## 'Funny They Never . . . Jail the Companies'

By Walter Lowenfels

WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 21.—Washington, (Pop. 36,000), is the shopping and industrial center of southwestern Pennsylvania's rich coal fields. We conducted an unscientific Gallup-type poll here on the first day of the strike to test sentiment on the miners' wage demands.

The mayor and many others favored higher wages to meet the high prices.

A sizable minority in all ranks except workers did not know what the strike was about.

A number repeated in all honesty the NAM philosophy that higher wages lead to higher prices and inflation.

Our scientific conclusion from the answers is that a basis exists for wide community support for the miners but is imperiled by lack of information about why they are striking.

Our question was: "Do you think the miners' demands for higher wages is justified?"

Some replies: Mayor R. E. Krause, druggist: "We have been looking forward to a good Christmas season. The strike is quite a blow. There's a general feeling that there isn't anybody getting enough. There had to be a readjustment and someone has to take the bumps. I guess the miners will get a raise, at least, I hope so. Everybody needs more money."

Harvey Stuart, Chairman, Democratic Party: "I don't know what they're fighting for. But I do know the papers are full of the miners. It's funny they never blame the companies. I see where they speak about putting Lewis in jail. Funny thing they never speak about putting the companies in jail."

Tony Palletta, corner grocer: "How about inflation? They say higher wages mean higher prices. Prices are too high already."

Louis Andy, tire dealer: "They never give the miner enough. He should top the list."

Edward Garnein, manager of Caldwell's, a leading department store: "I'm too far removed from it to know. We do not get many

miners trading here. But if the strike lasts, all industry would be affected."

#### MAN IN STREET

In addition to typical answers above, we stopped people on the main shopping street, told them we didn't want their names, just their off-hand replies:

Dairy Worker: "Every penny the miners earn they really deserve."

A Foundry Worker: "I don't regret them every cent they can get."

A Housewife: "Prices have gone so high, I think the miner should get a raise."

A School Teacher: "We ought to hold the line for a while. That's what we teachers are doing."

## Farmers' Union Backs Pay Rise

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (UP).—The National Farmers Union suggested tonight that the answer to the nation's labor troubles may lie in the government's own farm policies.

The organization urged the government to put a flexible floor under industrial wages resembling the government's price support program for agricultural commodities which links the farmer's prices to his cost of living.

## Strikers Hit PM For Taking Scab Ads

The Furriers Joint Council yesterday protested to the newspaper PM for carrying advertising on Morris Hessel, manufacturing furriers, 231 W. 29th St.

Fur workers at Hessel's are out on strike.

The Joint Council also complained last week when an ad was carried. Yesterday another Hessel ad appeared on its pages.

Its Shopwise column recommended Hessel products while the strike has been going on.

PM's advertising department suggested the union place a paid ad in the newspaper explaining its case, a union spokesman explained.

# American Action Gave GOP \$114,828

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Aided by a group of front organizations, such as big business' American Action and Gerald L. K. Smith's America First Party, Republicans spent more than \$2,425,000 in this year's elections, incomplete reports reveal.

The figures, which are still only in the preliminary stage, apparently support allegations that this year's campaign was the most expensive in the nation's history.

"I am positive the figure will be astounding," remarked Rep. Percy Priest (D-Tenn), chairman of the House Campaign Expenditures Committee.

Democratic Party expenses thus far reported total \$1,596,000 while GOP figures top the two million dollar mark.

Organizations supporting Republicans include American Action, \$114,828; America First, \$78,041; Life Insurance Policy Holders Protective Association (new anti-labor group), \$29,028; and National Association for Pro-America (women's group), \$24,787.

Funds spent in the campaign by CIO-PAC were \$377,775, which Citizens' PAC spent \$255,259. Twelve chapters of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions used \$451,538.

Reports are still pouring into the House and Senate from other groups and candidates. Final totals will not be available for some time.

Priest commented he was sure most of the money spent was "within the loopholes of the law." Biggest loophole, he said, is the absence of a limit on the amount that can be spent on a candidate by a non-party organization without his consent or knowledge.

## Living Costs Up 14.3% in Detroit Since January

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, Nov. 21.—Detroit living costs increased 14.3 percent from January through September, the cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed today.

The 14.3 percent increase for the year's first nine months brings to 46.4 percent the increase since September, 1939, when the index stood at 100.2.

The index reveals that Detroit's living costs consistently have run ahead of the national average.

Substantial jumps in the October and November index figures are expected following the removal of most items from price control.

## Hudson Motors Join Price Raise Caravan

DETROIT, Nov. 21.—The Hudson Motor Car Company tonight announced price increases of \$60 to \$90 on its cars and trucks.

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## Readers Tell Us What They Want

Hundreds of readers have offered suggestions and criticisms in response to the questionnaire published in the Daily Worker and The Worker. We have picked at random a few answers to the question: What suggestions do you have as to how the Daily Worker can help you to increase circulation? Some of the answers follow:

**SIMPLER, MORE** appealing literary style. More popular level of vocabulary usage—adopt all slants to make paper desirable, intelligible and palatable to working class.

Machinist, New York.

**MAKE IT UNDERSTANDABLE.** Have positive suggestions rather than a negative attitude toward all problems.

Railroad Worker, New Haven, Conn.

**FIGHT LIKE HELL** with top and secondary party leadership to actually put the Daily Worker first once in a while. It's almost always fifth.

Machinist, Detroit, Mich.

**A LITTLE MORE PROMINENCE** to articles of lighter subjects and human interest. The average person often enjoys relief from the daily problems of life by reading lighter subjects.

Clerk, Bayonne, N. J.

**ALL EDITORIALS** and political analyses must be written in simpler language. This is the main difficulty new readers have complained about.

Office Worker, Philadelphia, Pa.

**MORE HUMAN INTEREST** articles. Political articles written in simpler wordage and not too long.

Professional, Newark, N. J.

**MORE POLITICAL** analyses of world events.

Office Worker, Hartford, Conn.

**TALK TO MASSES** of people on their own level of understanding.

Taxi Driver, New York.

**MORE OF A HUMAN APPROACH,** less of the stereotyped approach. We think the paper is improving.

Seaman, New York.

**MAKE IT POSSIBLE** to present the DW as the paper of the people who want socialism—in PLAIN ORDINARY ENGLISH that anyone can understand.

Engineer and Wife, Philadelphia, Pa.

**NEED SIMPLER STYLE.** Photographs, catchy articles, sports, etc.

Student, Hopewell Junction, N. Y.

**ORIENT THE PAPER** toward being a genuine spokesman for the working class. We used to be able to sell the DW on the basis that it carried news that you could not get anywhere else. This is no longer true. Avoid long texts of speeches when the size of the paper is limited.

Trade Unionist, Washington, D. C.

**PLEASE VARY** the diet more with such features as Broadway column, movie column, gossip, sports, and just plain crime, sex, etc. After all, we read that in other papers.

Radio Operator.

## Louisiana C. P. Leader Fined \$25; Will Appeal

By Emanuel Levin

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—James E. Jackson, Jr., chairman of the Louisiana state committee, Communist Party, was freed on bond today pending appeal of a \$25 fine sentence on a "disturbing the peace" charge.

Jackson, on Nov. 9, called police to protect him against attempts to break into his apartment by a group of white men who had threatened to take him into the woods. Jackson made noise to attract his neighbor's attention.

Police witnesses testified against him, but admitted they had been called to give him protection. They

filed charges against Jackson when they discovered he had attended a Communist Party meeting Nov. 7, which was raided by hoodlums.

Charges of malicious mischief, filed by police against Jackson, were dropped by the district attorney. Quashing of the state statute charge has been attributed to protests to the mayor by the CIO's Committee for Maritime Unity.



**Scan Housing Bill:** Officials of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America are shown above with Representative William L. Dawson, (D), of Illinois, seated looking at a rough draft of the proposed National Housing Fair Practices Act, which the Illinois Congressman will introduce in the forthcoming session of Congress. Left to right: Kenneth C. Kennedy, national commander of UNAVA; Miss Ruth Freeman, a national vice commander; Edward Ateman, Illinois state commander; Ulysses S. Keys, national advocate; George B. Murphy Jr., national adjutant.

## D. A. Refuses Order To Arrest Squatters

By William Allan

DETROIT, Nov. 21.—Wayne County prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien today denied criminal trespass warrants to an absentee landlord against three families who are Detroit's first squatters.

This is the second setback the real estate gang has had in two days. Wednesday Circuit Court Commissioner Frank Fitzgerald dismissed charges of trespass against the squatters. The landlord then sought the criminal warrant. The three families occupy one four-room flat.

James Cruddington, attorney for Mrs. Jeannette Grenner, the landlord, who is now in Florida, stated today that he was now going to carry the case to the state Attorney General in Lansing.

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## NEW YORK

## Boom Times: Relief Rolls Increase Steadily

"A slow but steady increase" in the number of cases being handled by the Department of Welfare was disclosed yesterday by a spokesman for the city agency. At present approximately 200,000 persons are on the Welfare roles.

The department revealed that in a five-week period ending Nov. 2 there was an increase of 2,193 cases of need, bringing the city total to 108,589 families or individuals.

The increase for the year, ending Nov. 2, amounts to 13,8286 cases.

Veterans' cases have nearly doubled in that time. The Welfare agency reports a total of 4,703 veterans' families at the end of October, 1946, compared to a total of 2,495 at the same time last year.

That so many additional persons have been forced to apply for city aid—in view of the almost starvation assistance given—contrasted with "boom" reports on the financial pages.

For a family of five, for instance, the department's improved budget starting Dec. 1, will grant \$67.50 a month for food. This amounts to about \$2.23½ a day per family, or 44½ cents per person a day.

A breakdown of the 108,589 cases

show 29,994 families and individuals receiving home relief; 53,000 getting old age assistance; 23,486 getting aid for dependent children and 2,029 getting blind aid.

## Beg Refuge For Stowaway's Tot

An appeal to allow entry of a baby born to a stowaway aboard the *Ile de France*, was made to President Truman yesterday by 127 women passengers of the ship, which docked here Wednesday.

Their action was organized by Dr. Gene Weltfish, national president, Congress of American Women, who was returning from a Moscow meeting for the Women's International Democratic Federation.

The child was born to Leah Paneth, a 20-year-old French stowaway, and was named Sarah Eleanor, for the late President Roosevelt's mother and wife. The appeal to Truman read:

"Women passengers of the *Ile de France* appeal to you to allow into your great country our fellow passenger, Leah Paneth, and her daughter, born on this ship Nov. 17, 1946, who has no papers nor money and only her youth, her hope in the future and faith in American humanity."

## Charge Schools Sacrificed To Highway Projects

By Michael Singer

The 1947 city capital budget was criticized as far short of meeting social needs, at Board of Estimate hearings in City Hall yesterday. Spokesmen for Parent-Teachers groups, consumer and civic organizations, the American Labor Party, Communist Party, the Board of Education and trade unions, urged higher allocations for new school, hospital and library construction.

The capital budget provides \$239,629,204 for 297 projects. These undertakings when completed will cost \$742,479,278.

Most of the objections came on education. The proposed budget allows only \$1,000,000 for modernization and rehabilitation of schools, only 15 percent of the seven and one-half million dollars originally asked by the Board of Education.

Sharpest attacks were leveled against Park Commissioner Moses, who as a member of the City Planning Commission pushed through an authorization of \$903,000 for

**Crash Coming**

WELLESLEY, Mass., Nov. 21.—Economist Roger W. Babson said today that the United States could expect another two years of good times, but then there would be a depression "fully as bad as in 1932."

The 71-year-old marketing expert said in an interview that the inflationary spiral would continue until some price advance "breaks the camel's back."

"Just as before, conditions will go like this: higher wages, higher prices, less demand for goods, fewer goods, unemployment, collapse, and then we start all over again."

park improvements—33 1/3 percent of the estimated cost of complete park rehabilitation—at the expense of schools, hospitals and libraries.

Substitute teachers. The union later protested the omission and, while approving the increase, called for:

- a \$5 a day increase to substitute teachers;
- a permanent \$350 a year bonus grant, and

- a \$1050 a year increase.

Arthur Schutze, state executive secretary of the American Labor Party listed specific schools for increased allocations and demanded that educational services, libraries and hospitals be given priority over highways, parks, etc.

Nathan Kaplan, secretary of the Board of Education, urged restoration of five projects from the 1946 capital budget which had been eliminated in the 1947 budget. They included P.S. 44 and Junior H.S. 258, Brooklyn; P.S. 33, Manhattan; P.S. 52, Queens, and P.S. 41 in Richmond.

I. Blumberg, representing Councilman Michael J. Quill of the Bronx, hit a policy which "prefers highways and oceanariums to hospitals, schools, health centers and libraries." He said this was "Mosesism and Dewey-ism elevated to the rank of public policy."

At the morning session of the Board, a City Council resolution to grant permanent police status to temporary cops who qualify physically and mentally under the civil service was rejected despite strenuous pleas by Leopold Rossi, counsel for the "arm-band" policeman. The denial to waive the 29-age limit for civil service exams came after the Board heard a communication from Police Commissioner Wallander opposing such a move.

The Board also approved Comptroller Lazarus Joseph's recommendation to grant Bronx DA Samuel J. Foley \$14,135 in back pay.

## Angry Tenants Return Evicted Family to Home

At midnight Wednesday, 45 women and five men moved the furniture off a Coney Island sidewalk back into the apartment of Mrs. Lucy Salar, 2973 W. 27 St., Brooklyn. Mrs. Salar, one of the few Italian tenants in the area, was evicted for non-payment of two months' rent and thereby hangs a tale, because she has rent receipts to prove payment.

The house in which her \$20 a month, four room flat is located was recently sold, and Mrs. Salar has been paying her rent to a lessee. The tenant paid \$25 to cover rent and a monthly payment on furniture she bought when she moved into the house. The new landlord now claims he never received the rent even though Mrs. Salar can show she has paid up to Dec. 6.

**NEIGHBORS AROUSED**

What is going on between landlord and lessee is no reason for Mrs. Salar's eviction, the men and

women who returned the furniture said.

The aroused neighbors, many of whom are members of the American Labor Party, the Communist Party and the Tenants League of Coney Island, waited until the furniture was evicted and at midnight they acted.

The landlord was reported to have been near the house yesterday, but when he saw that his tenant was back in the house he disappeared. The lessee wasn't around.

New York City landlords will get a taste of how tenants feel about rent boosts on Saturday, Nov. 30, when a mass mobilization of the New York City Consumer Council picks the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee, a landlord group.

The picket line will form at the committee's office at 12 E. 41 St. and march to the New York City Rent Control Office, 535 Fifth Ave.

### ORGANIZE RENT FIGHT

The Consumer Council calls upon its affiliates to prepare the demonstration in addition to planning boroughwide rallies by coordinating groups.

The Consumer Counsel is asking the majority and minority leaders of the city Council, Joseph T. Sharkey and Genevieve Earle, to pass a resolution urging OPA to hold rents down to present levels.

Consumer groups are urged to ask Mayor O'Dwyer and Gov. Dewey to designate Rent Control Week, date to be set by the Consumer Counsel after consultation with other organizations.

Tenants are informed by the Consumer Council that legal aid may be obtained from the Lawyers Guild, 16 E. 14 St.



**Northwind Southbound:**

Being fitted out for the Navy's expedition to the Arctic is the Coast Guard vessel Northwind. "Operation High Jump" is another experiment in cold-weather maneuvers, the Navy says. It is also reported that uranium and bases may be additional objectives.

### A Pickle That Isn't a Pickle

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The National Pickle Packers Association today offered to present a pack of pickles that aren't really pickles to the person who can pick a name for a new pickle that really isn't a pickle.

If you think you're confused, just consider the pickle packers. They've had this "pickle" on their hands for a year and don't know what to call it.

To the housewife who can name "it," will go two cases of—well, whatever she names them.

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## I. G. FARBN-STANDARD OIL-DUPONT CARTEL EXPOSED

By Federated Press

**THE WHOLE STORY** of how I. G. Farben, a gigantic combination of German chemical companies, built up Nazi influence and endangered America's war effort through restrictive trade agreements with leading American, British and other producers is told in a new survey by the 20th Century Fund.

Outbreak of the Second World War found the U. S. capacity to supply its armed services with needed munitions, synthetic rubber and other supplies hampered by restrictions imposed on American firms by I. G. Farben agreements, says the forthcoming report, *Cartels In Action*. Advance sections of the findings, which will cover eight major industrial fields, are being made public by the fund.

The huge cartel was born in 1925 when the Big Six chemical firms of Germany came together to form the Interessengemeinschaft, Farbenindustrie A. G., which translates into Community of Interests, Dyestuffs Industries, Inc.

"After the Nazis came to power," says the report, "IG's relationship to the German Government became more intimate. . . . It became increasingly difficult throughout the 30's to distinguish between IG's purely business objectives and the political aims for which it served as a Nazi instrument. . . .

"What is significant is that its patent controls and cartel relationships permitted IG to exercise a restrictive influence on the American chemical industries which was incompatible with American economic and political interests."

**ONE DEVICE** used by the cartel was to set up a subsidiary company in America which would be jointly owned by IG and the American firm. One such sub-

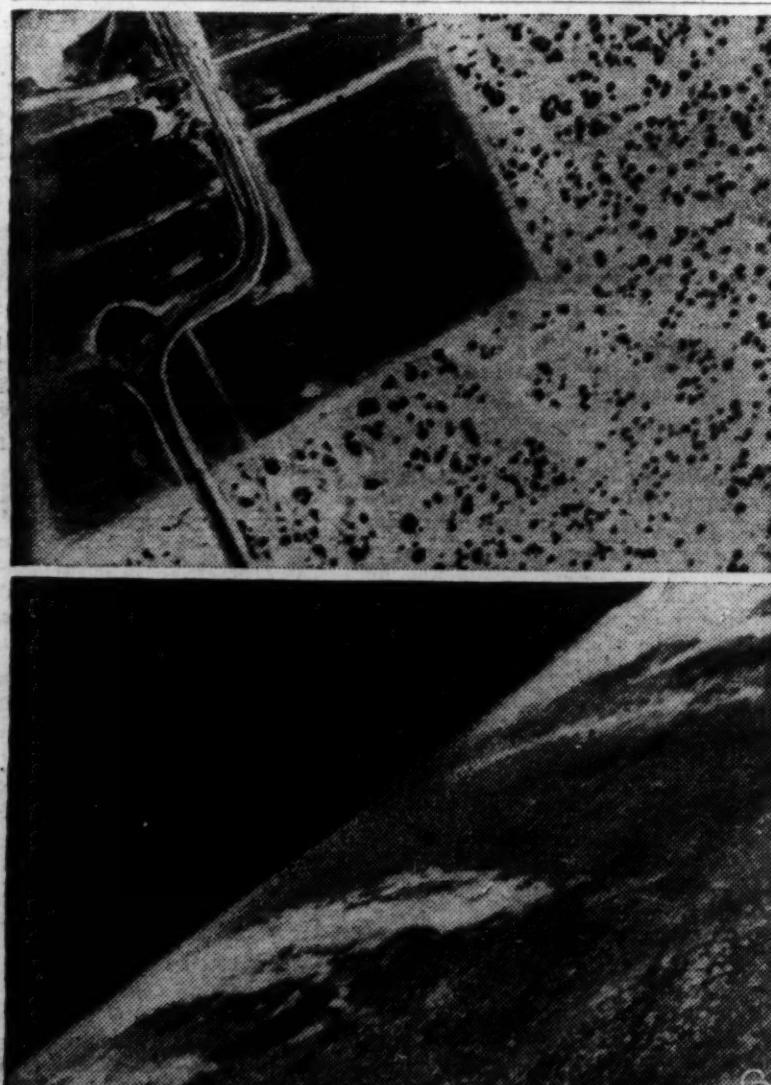
sidiary was Jasco, established by IG and Standard Oil of New Jersey. Describing the workings of this agreement as revealed in testimony before the Senate Military Affairs Subcommittee, the report found that "IG withheld essential 'know-how' from Jasco and refused to let it develop Buna rubber in the U. S."

In a related project "IG forced Jasco to close its Baton Rouge 'E' plant, the acetylene and acetic acid project. IG used its commitments to duPont as one excuse for its delaying tactics on synthetic rubber," the report said.

IG acquired control of a number of large American concerns by various commercial devices and eventually came into complete ownership of them, the report said. Since World War II these companies have reverted to American ownership.

"**IG'S AMERICAN** cartel affiliations are legion," it said. "Few American chemical companies do not have some form of agreement or understanding with IG for reconciling conflicting interests and for cooperating in chosen spheres of the world chemical markets."

In the world picture the chief potential rivals of IG were the duPont Co. in the U.S. and Imperial Chemical Industries in Great Britain. "DuPont and ICI, failing to obtain satisfactory agreements with IG permitting their independent growth, turned to each other," the report says. "Although seeking strength in partnership, they did not throw down the gage of battle to the German Leviathan. They left the door open for collaboration."



**65 Miles Up:** Here are two frames of a motion picture taken by a camera aboard a German V-2 rocket fired at the White Sands, N. M., proving ground. The movie shows the earth's surface at altitudes from 100 feet to 65 miles. At top, the blockhouse and takeoff ramp are pictured at 1,000 feet. Bottom, at an altitude of 65 miles, the photo takes in approximately 40,000 miles of space. The camera was theoretically 720 miles away from the distant horizon.

PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"Come on, hit me. . . . What's the matter—are you afraid?"

### In the Negro Press

## WHITE OKLAHOMA STUDENTS WANT NEGRO CLASSMATES

**THE BLACK DISPATCH** reported a group of white students from the University of Oklahoma attended the Oklahoma Conference of NAACP branches and vigorously supported the right of Negro students to attend the university.

In a brilliant speech the white students' spokesman demanded to know, "When will all Americans be allowed their rights as Americans?"

All Americans will never be "allowed" their rights. And as for Negro Americans, they will only get their rights when they have organized themselves into a fighting, demanding movement whose aims will be supported by white allies. Negro rights are the key to American democracy.

**THE AMSTERDAM NEWS** columnist Earl Brown is so right when he attacks as "the No. 1 Uncle Tom in the State of Mississippi" a local doctor that was afraid the Negroes in that state are making "the white man uncomfortable."

Needless to say an Uncle Tom is just about the lowest form of human life. The Negroes are beginning to stand up and fight back in Mississippi even to the extent of testifying against Bilbo and they are stabbed by one of their own. Back in slavery time Nat Turner and Denmark Vesey knew what to do with handkerchief heads.

**THE CHICAGO BEE** said Mrs. Paul Robeson in a recent speech warned that if Africans were denied equal participation in their own government, uprisings would result. Speaking of the South African situation, Mrs. Robeson declared, "it stinks politically, socially, and economically."

This reminds one of a similar statement made by the Russian writer Ilya Ehrenburg after he had toured the South and saw the treatment of Negroes. He too predicted an uprising if the racists don't get off the backs of the Negro people. South Africa is a long way from the South United States but speaking of the situation there it stinks politically, economically and socially.

**THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE** said, "The North won the Civil War but the South won the peace that followed, if you can call it peace."

**THE PEOPLE'S VOICE** said, "Could it be that Senator Bilbo's

— Press Roundup —

## 'Times' Tries To Hedge on Disarmament

**THE TIMES** has found "the crux" of all armament control proposals, meaning it has found a new way to get around Foreign Minister Molotov's demand for full knowledge by the UN of world troop dispositions. The Times says, "Mr. Molotov's claim of Russian withdrawals may be correct technically, but available information suggests that it does not cover the continued presence of Russian forces beyond their frontiers in the form of police troops, training cadres, or simply clad in another nation's uniforms. . . ." If bigger and better objections can be manufactured, the Times organization will manufacture them.

**THE HERALD TRIBUNE** applauds President Truman for the government injunction against the coal miners, but only in a better-late-than-never tone. "We have presented our own program in these columns repeatedly," the Trib says, then presents again its platform: amend (read kill) the Wagner Act, and to "make labor liable for the other unfair practices specified." These always can be counted on to include trying for a decent standard of living. And the Trib can be counted as an enemy of that.

**THE WORLD-TELEGRAM** says of the coal strike, "This is it." The Telly interprets 400,000 miners' demands for better pay and working conditions as "the bitter fruit of government policies which have given unionism vast powers and no responsibilities." The Telly would like to have its hands on the "vast powers" it says the unions have. First casualty would be the unions.

**THE POST** says Gov. Dewey is dodging the rent control situation and has "maintained a typical silence in the face of swelling demands that the rent law be tightened. . . ." It calls for telegram pressure on Dewey and members of the State Legislature immediately to save the controls.

**THE SUN** decides it is against monopolies—that is, against "monopolistic control" of the coal mines by John L. Lewis. It calls for "competition" to keep the American people from being "enslaved to coal." No mention is made of the miners' wage and hour demands, as usual, by the Sun.

**THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN** says we should not disarm, because "the brutal fact is that the war is not over yet. . . ." This is a little wishful on the part of Hearst, meaning he has not given up hope of creating a war with the Soviet Union. The Journal says America is following "a suicidal course" in reducing armed forces. What would be suicidal would be in not joining a world movement for complete disarmament in good, not Hearst, faith.

### Worth Repeating

Eugene Varga, noted Soviet economist, discussing the danger of a fascist revival, said: "If it is true that fascism is the political expression of the deepening crisis of capitalism, it is to be expected that fascism will be revived. Lenin pointed out that the rule of monopoly capitalism must inevitably engender reaction. In an article entitled a 'Caricature of Marxism' he wrote: 'The political superstructure for the new economy, monopoly capitalism, is a swing from democracy to reaction. With free competition goes democracy. With monopoly capitalism goes political reaction.' In the capitalist countries today there is undoubtedly a certain revival of reaction and fascism. There are fascist countries like Spain and Portugal. . . . There are also undoubted signs of a revival of the fascist movement in the democratic countries. Evidence of this is to be found in the activities of the fascist party in Great Britain, the Ku Klux Klan and other fascist groups in the United States."—New Masses, Nov. 5, 1946.

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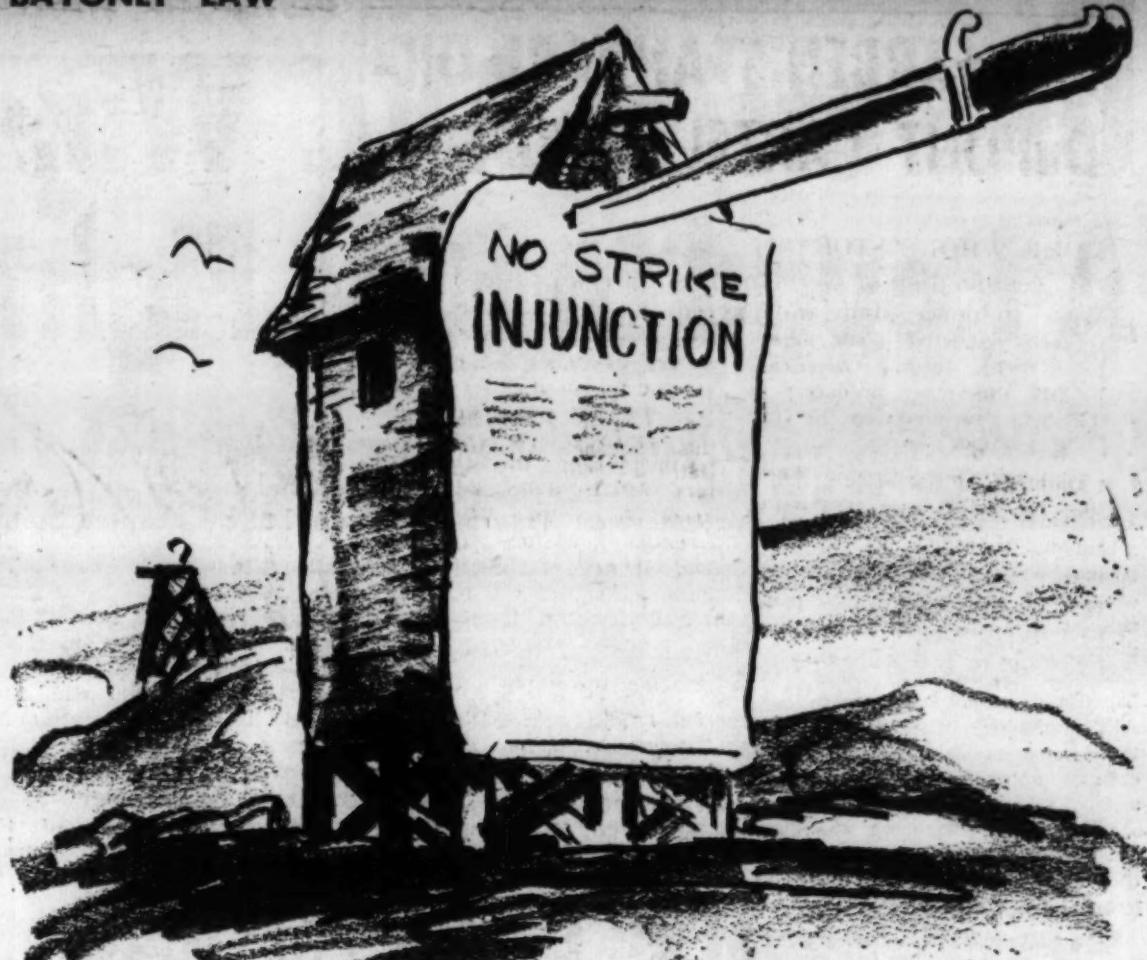
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## BAYONET LAW



## Table-Banging Diplomacy

SEN. CONNALLY just had to go through with his speech. That apparently was far more important than working out a settlement for peace.

We refer to Connally's table-banging speech demanding that the Soviet Union release information on troops in enemy countries as well as friendly ones right after the Soviet Foreign Minister, Molotov, agreed to do just that.

The Russians had urged that all UN members, including the U. S. and the Soviet Union, publish the whereabouts and the number of their armies. Our delegation to the UN went into a huddle and amended this. They said that troops in ex-enemy lands should be included.

So Molotov says O.K. But our line is such a chip-on-the-shoulder affair that even after we get what we ask for, we keep on banging tables and pretending that there are dire obstacles and menaces—which simply don't exist.

Only we have to play the part of the noble and indignant party. So, now that the Russians have agreed to what we asked for two weeks ago we'll have to figure out something new to ask them and create a new "crisis."

The New York Times strongly suspects now that even if we and the Russians publish our troop information, the Russians will have soldiers "dressed like civilians," and then the whole rumpus will start all over again.

Naturally, with such an attitude of refusing to make any kind of agreements with the Soviets no matter how much they agree with us, the peace which the country craves will be hard to insure.

## Make 'Em Come Down

THE Journal of Commerce weeps for the grocery manufacturers on the grounds that consumer resistance is checking "inflationary tendencies" in food prices.

It means that the housewives are refusing to buy various foods at exorbitant prices and are thus forcing them down a bit.

Because of this, it insists that the labor movement has no right to ask for higher wages because the big jumps in food prices are only temporary.

But it "overlooks" a couple of facts.

First, while consumer resistance might have made a slight dent in sky-high food prices for a little while, they are back up again, largely because this resistance is unorganized.

Second, even if they should come down a bit, they will still be far higher than under price control. One business journal estimates, for instance, that meat prices will stay at least 30 percent above former price ceilings through 1947, even if consumer resistance continues as is.

Third, food prices are not the only ones that have risen. Manufactured products have gone up, too, and are staying up. Unlike food, they have the full force of monopoly practices behind them and will not come down as easily.

So, the Journal of Commerce is all wet when it tries to argue that wage demands are unjustified.

But there is another angle, too. Consumer resistance can be far more effective in pulling prices down provided it is organized. It needs that organization now, not only to reduce prices but to prevent further increases, particularly in rents.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Suggests Truman Go to the People

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter was sent to President Truman by the Women's Community Forum, Elsemere Hall:

"We appreciate that your problems will probably be more difficult than heretofore as a result of the election. We therefore respectfully suggest that you come before the people of America in the pattern of the fireside chats of the Roosevelt era, whenever your progressive aims are thwarted by the 80th Congress.

"We maintain that this Republican landslide does not constitute a people's mandate. Just the other way, it spells a powerful protest against the conciliatory tone adopted by your administration in the decontrol of living costs, in your attitude toward labor and all other social legislation.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY FORUM.

### Suggestions to Keep The Ball Rolling

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

We Communists made a good record rolling up a large, independent vote.

The following suggestions I feel would certainly build the Party physically and financially, and defeat the red-baiting campaign of press and radio:

- (1) Each club work from election list in their neighborhood.
- (2) Send out attractive letters and literature. Also the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.
- (3) Personal calls getting petitions signed, etc.

We have various pieces of literature that could be sent out. Pamphlets like "Socialism, What's in It for You" could be sent out with enclosed envelope for return of coin. All Daily and Sunday Workers could be mailed with a subscription blank.

ERNEST A. CRUZE.

## SHAPLEY AND EISLER

- Men of Science and Liberty
- Targets of Medieval Darkness

By James S. Allen

DID NOT GOEBBELS say whenever he hears the word culture he feels like drawing his gun? When Rankin, from the cesspool of ignorance and darkness, was confronted with Dr. Harlow Shapley, an enlightened man of science, he called in the Captain of the Guard.

His science will mean nothing to Shapley if it is prostituted to the star-chamber, the Gestapo and the Nazi mentality. With just contempt of the aims and methods of the inquisition, the man of science and of progress defied the man whose political ideas originated with the slave-masters and are today rooted in the semi-enslavement of three-fourths of the inhabitants of Mississippi.

Honored are those who are "cited" for contempt by a man who is spurned by all decent people! The worm is turning in America, too. Not many Americans will submit to insult and degradation by the Un-American Committee.

HONORED HERE AND ABROAD for his scientific accomplishments and his progressive spirit, Shapley will find many friends in America, aroused by the ignorant arrogance of Rankin, and awakened by this incident to the perils facing the country.

But what about Gerhart Eisler, the German Communist who lived here through the war years as anti-Nazi refugee, and who is to appear before Rankin and his fellow Un-Americans today?

Does this not bring to mind the case of George Dimitroff, the Bulgarian Communist, whom the German Nazis charged as an agent of Moscow responsible for the burning of the Reichstag?

YET, THE ALARM needs to be sounded anew so that non-Communists as well as Communists understand it.

Eisler is an anti-fascist of long and distinguished service to the cause of democracy and socialism. Shall the fact that he is a Communist—like so many millions who stopped the Axis and now fight to uproot fascism everywhere—blind non-Communists to the real intent and purpose of the inquisition?

Remember that the Rankinites—the ignorant as well as the more intelligent—are aiming not only at the Communists but at

our trade unions, our Bill of Rights, our popular liberties, our men of science who understand there is more to nuclear physics than the atom bomb.

The practical politicians of the Un-American Committee want a little Reichstag Fire of their own, in preparation for the next Congress where they hope to pass anti-labor legislation and wipe out every recent reform.

THEIR STAR WITNESS is the renegade Budenz, whose "spiritual enlightenment" came easy and cheap. Ranged around him, like a cluster of swamp thistles, are other renegades, Trotzkites and remnants of discredited Social-Democracy from Europe. They are serving the anti-Communist crusade in this country, as they did in Germany, Austria, France and Spain, with consequences plain enough for everyone to see.

When Dimitroff faced the tribunal at Leipzig and defeated Goering in his own court, the Nazis were already well ensconced in power, having used the Reichstag Fire scare to destroy all opposition.

We are not at that phase, thank goodness! But Nazi-like men in both parties would like to get us there, and they think they can use the old witches' tales about Moscow agents, like the Nazis did before them.

Thus, Gerhart Eisler is a challenge to the progressive spirit that produced a Shapley, the man of science and also of liberty.



DR. SHAPLEY

# University AVC Wins A Round in Bias Fight

By Fred Vast  
Daily Worker Washington Bureau

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.**—Officials of George Washington University today backed down before civic and student pressure and decided not to expel Don Rothenberg, president of the American Veterans Committee chapter at the school. Threats had been hurled against other AVC leaders on the campus because they campaigned against racial discrimination at the university's Lisner Auditorium.

Instead the university decided to bar use of school buildings to the AVC. Although the chapter has not been recognized as an official campus organization it has been allowed to use college facilities.

When Don Rothenberg was discharged from the Army he knew the fighting wasn't over.

#### BIAS IN CAPITAL

Even though Hitler's armies were smashed, racial discrimination con-

tinued. It ruled the roost in the nation drive which has won nationwide publicity.

And Rothenberg, together with other veterans attending George Washington University, decided they should do their part to finish the fight. They started their battle on the opening night of *Joan of Lorraine*, starring Ingrid Bergman, several Negroes were denied admission to the Lisner Auditorium. That touched off an anti-discrimi-

#### DRAMATISTS PROTEST

Thirty-three members of the Dramatists Guild said they would not permit any of their plays to be

shown here as long as discrimination prevailed.

The university and its president, Dr. Cloyd Marvin, were on the spot. Marvin said the question would have to be decided by the Board of Trustees, which includes FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover.

Popular support rolled up for the campaign, including newspapers and organizations. Student vets continued to carry the ball.

The university administration decided to hit back. It thought the fight could be stopped with threats of expulsion.

Formal proceedings were initiated against Rothenberg this week, with charges that he is "harming" the university and illegally using its name.

Rothenberg flatly denied the Forsyth said.

charges and demanded proof. He pointed out that racial discrimination is the real issue and refused to be sidetracked from the main issue—admitting Negroes to Lisner Auditorium.

#### 4 Old Timers Team Up to Harvest Crop

**GALESBURG, Ill., Nov. 21.**—H. A. Forsyth, 85, reported today he had finished picking his 1946 corn crop with the help of George L. Smith, 79. They tossed the corn into a 40-year-old wagon, pulled by a team of mares, Mollie and Mabel, aged 35 and 33.

"That's pretty old for horses,"

Forsyth said.

## N.C. High Court Gets Negro Vet's Appeal

Special to the Daily Worker

**RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.**—An appeal by the Civil Rights Congress to save the life of a young disabled Negro veteran of Hamlet, N. C., was heard here this week by the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

The veteran, Major Benton, 26-year-old former railroad worker, was convicted in Richmond County April 13 and sentenced to die in

the gas chamber May 31. Filing of the appeal brought an automatic stay of execution. Benton is charged with rape of a white woman in Hamlet on Dec. 24, 1945.

Benton was convicted solely on the testimony of police officers who claimed that he had confessed to them after a day and a half of continuous grilling," according to Laurent Frantz, southern field director of the Civil Rights Congress. "The so-called confession was completely repudiated by the defendant at the trial.

No other evidence whatsoever was offered to connect Benton with the crime. The victim of the alleged attack failed to identify Benton and was not even positive that the assailant was a Negro.

Three reputable citizens swore that Benton was with them at the time the alleged crime was committed. The evidence against Benton was so weak that the all-white jury case at 5:30 on the afternoon of the 12th, was still hung seven to five at 10 o'clock the next morning, at which time the judge called them in and gave them a special charge urging them to break the deadlock.

"The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held that forced confessions are a violation of the 14th Amendment to the Federal Constitution," Frantz stated, "and it has also said that where the suspect is browbeaten or intimidated, or the grilling cruelly prolonged, the confession is involuntary even though no physical torture was used. This is our contention in this case."

Benton was honorably discharged from the Army in 1943, due to the fact that one of his arms is permanently crippled from an injury received in service. He was receiving a partial disability pension.

The appeal was argued by W. R. Jones of Rockingham, who represented Benton at the original trial, and R. O. Everett of Durham, retained by the Civil Rights Congress.

from 9 p.m. until ? Foner Bros. Band, entertainment, refreshments. Part proceeds to Anti-Lynching Crusade. Adm. \$1.25 in advance, \$1.50 at door. Ben Davis Club and Village Club No. 1.

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"I was carried away by the atmosphere of it all, trying to explain to the woman delegate from Greece and the Negro woman delegate from America that this is the way opera should be presented and enjoyed, when a young man in a very impressive uniform came up to us, smiling.

"My Russian, I admit, was very poor, but there was no mistaking his friendly attitude, so with great gusto, I introduced my friends, explaining that we were from the Women's International Democratic Federation which was meeting in Moscow.

"He beamed, spoke again too rapidly for me to understand. We were quite impressed—here was a perfect stranger, welcoming us to his country."

"After several minutes of us all talking at once, he cleared his throat and said very slowly:

"This has been very entertaining, Mrs. Draper, but what I originally intended to tell you, besides welcoming you to our country, was that there is no smoking allowed in this cafe!"

Mrs. Draper has just returned to New York after attending the bi-annual session of the executive committee of the WIDF.

#### AIMS OF FEDERATION

The aims of the Federation—peace and democracy, equality for women and the care and education of children—all seem like general terms. Mrs. Draper said, but they are the things that all women of the world are concerned with today and are prepared to fight for.

The Federation, established a year ago, represents 81 million women from 44 countries, and has already

taken vital political action, which, Mrs. Draper emphasizes, is the only way to prevent future wars.

The Federation has petitioned the United Nations for recognition as a consultative body, Mrs. Draper said.

"Having a baby these days has

become a political problem," Mrs. Draper said. "It is political because in many countries throughout the world fascist-influenced governments make it impossible for a woman to know whether the child will even have a chance to live, let alone enjoy any social benefits." It is these basic issues, the real basis of peace, with which the Federation is concerned.

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## SPORTS

**In this corner**

**He Certainly Rates It,  
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**By Bill Mardo**

KEN STRONG can kick a football through the eye of a needle. Alright, so I'm stretching a point but you get the idea. This is by way of saying they're giving the uncanny drop-kicker a "Day" at the Polo Grounds Sunday. You know what a "DAY" is . . . a microphone on the 45-yard line, lots of speeches, gifts, a few embarrassed words from the athlete being honored, followed up with sincere applause from the stands . . . and then the game goes on.

It's really a nice touch and something for a guy to remember when he's made his last headline and spends most Sunday afternoons by the radio getting it second-hand from some fellow with a loud and staccato voice. And if ever a cleaver deserved an afternoon of formal celebration, it's the old NYU alumnae whose toe has lost surprisingly little of its weird magic.

Sometimes when you sit down and attempt to record a great athlete's career you wonder where the deuce to begin. There are so many outstanding things Ken Strong has done on the gridiron. And so many teams that he's done it for. So let's try and just breeze over, in sequence, the truly great record of a truly great athlete.

Ken was a standout from the word go. At the local high school in West Haven, Conn., he had a remarkable all-round career. But it wasn't until he registered at NYU in 1925 (see how long he's been around?) that Ken crashed onto the sports scene with a bang. He reported for the freshman eleven and sparked it to an unbeaten season. The following fall, the good-looking solidly-built sophomore made the varsity Violet backfield in a breeze.

For the next two years Ken Strong's name was on everyone's lips . . . but it wasn't until his senior year that he really arrived. That season he led the nation's scorers with 162 points as the Violets copped the mythical eastern crown. And that was the year when Ken racked up two 100-yard scrimmage runs. Oh yes, he could really turn on the gas in those days . . . indeed his broken-field stuff far overshadowed his fine kicking abilities.

An experienced, still developing Ken Strong reported to the Stapleton squad of the National Football League in '29. And folks from Staten Island still tell you that the Kennie who played with their Stapletons "was the greatest football player of his day." Of course, Ken Strong would differ the point, but he wasn't too far from it at that.

But you folks in Manhattan (and even we of Brooklyn) will best remember Ken Strong for his spectacular, crowd-pleasing days with the New York Giants. From 1933 right down to this day, the ex-Violet has remained a top favorite. And when that pigskin is resting almost at midfield, at an uncomfortable angle and with the Giants needing those three points desperately . . . every fan in the ball park knows automatically that Ken Strong, an older Ken Strong who no longer runs with the ball, is going to shed his bench blanket, loosen up his leg, trot onto the field and nonchalantly put his toe to the hide and send it lofting over the cross-bar.

So come out to the park Sunday. The Pittsburgh Steelers are in town and we've a hunch that they'll rue the day they ever made the date. It's Ken Strong Day, y'know, and who's there to say old Ken won't give it one more grand college try before taking what may be his final bow as a football player? Pardon me . . . a very great football player.

**THAT ALBERT-DOBBS DUEL**

Probably the finest passer in pro football today is a fellow named Glenn Dobbs. Week in and week out the former Tulsa star gives the fans some unforgettable thrills for their money. And if Brooklyn isn't right up there with the league leaders, it's no fault of mister Dobbs.

This Sunday at Ebbets Field, the passing phenom will match tosses with Frankie Albert of the San Francisco 49'ers. Albert is rated the finest T-formation quarterback in the play-for-pay game today . . . and the Dobbs-Albert-Dobbs duel should be something to see.

Dodger coach Cliff Battles reports that hard plowing Bill Daley, his 210-pound fullback, will be back in action Sunday. The former All-American from Mich-



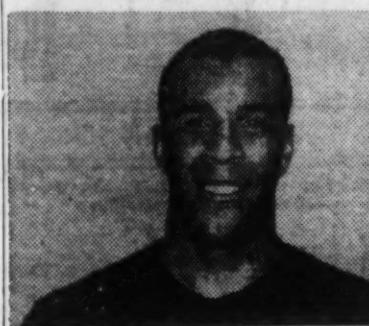
**-KEN STRONG**

**Confab Tonite on Labor '5s'**

Plans for a Labor Basketball Tourney will be mapped out tonight at the Hotel and Club Employes headquarters, 305 W. 44 St., N.Y.C. Delegates from 75 union and fraternal organizations will get together there at 7 o'clock and draw up blueprints for the winter hoop tourney. Any organization not already affiliated with Labor Sports Federation is invited to come down to tonight's meeting and get in on Labor's Big Basketball Tournament.

**Yale Ivy Title Hinges on Levi**

Pressure will rest heavily on Levi Jackson's broad shoulders tomorrow. Because of his phenomenal feats in his freshman year at Yale, the Eli are slight favorites to down rugged Harvard and cop the Ivy League championship at Cambridge tomorrow.



**LEVI JACKSON**

But Levi has a way of wearing pressure well. The first Negro gridder to crack the Yale varsity, Levi has more than lived up to his advance publicity. The mercury-toed kid from Hillhouse High and Camp Lee is the leading Yale back in rushing, scoring and punting. His total yardage gained is more than double that of any other Eli backfield man. Levi has ripped across for 10 touchdowns, and up to the Princeton game, the statistics showed him gaining 613 yards in 99 tries for an average of 6.2 yards per buck.

Jackson is also top Yale booter, with an average of 39.8 for his 18 punts. It goes without saying his 60 points scored is also high for the Bulldogs.

Yes, Levi faces a big test tomorrow in the solidly-stacked Harvard line. The Crimson forward wall has yielded only six touchdowns in eight games. Beaten only by Rutgers, Harvard boasts wins over Connecticut, Tufts, Princeton, Coast Guard, Dartmouth, Brown and Princeton.

Yale was beaten by Columbia in story-book finish, and was tied by Cornell early in the season. But if comparative scores mean anything, Yale holds a marked advantage in having tallied far more decisive wins than its rival over such mutual opponents as Dartmouth, Princeton and Brown.

But as we said at the outset, Levi Jackson was the big difference. Levi's capable side-kick, Vandy Kirk, may be out of action tomorrow—and Coach Howie Odell hopes that returning Art Fitzgerald will be able to fill the gap alongside Jackson.

**Brooklyn Cage Crew Has Four Holdovers**

(This is another of a series on 1946-47 local college basketball teams. Tomorrow—City College.)

Julie Bender, the first of the phenomenal set shooters to be developed at Long Island University, is the new head basketball coach at Brooklyn College. This is Bender's first college coaching job and he has inherited only four varsity holdovers—Sherman Smith, Ira Shain and the Ochshorn brothers, Myron and Robert.

However, six GIs have returned to school—Morton "Chalky" Kleiner, Seymour "Whitey" Levy, Paul Rothfeld, Phil Glantz, Ira Schneider and Norman Cole; and five talented freshmen have come in—Harold Silfen, Stanley Rubin, Murray Rosenberg and Irving Ronie, all from the armed forces, and Murray Roslafsky, direct from Thomas Jefferson High School. To these will be added Art Birn, former Abraham Lincoln High School star,

when the football season ends.

Bender's tentative first team lists the two Ochshorns, Shain and Levy as starters, with Rothfeld and Kleiner engaged in a close battle for the remaining post. This is an unusually tall aggregation for Brooklyn College, guaranteeing four players at six feet or more.

Shain, of course, is used for backboard play. Myron Ochshorn is valuable on the pivot, Robert Ochshorn is a fine feeder, Levy specializes in driving in toward the basket. Rothfeld is a good set shot and Kleiner is a one-handed shooting threat, shooting from the southpaw side.

**The 'Daily' Roundup:****Kicks, Lions . . . And a Beaver**

NEIL COHALAN'S KNICKS have taken over the Eastern Division lead in the new Basketball Association of America, by dint of their Wednesday win over the Chicago Stags. In finally copping one out of three from their nemesis, the Knickerbockers showed their finest brand of ball yet. Abandoning the leaden-footed set shooting of their Garden games, the Knicks smoothly worked their way under the basket

Sonny Hertzberg was high man with 19 points

COLUMBIA'S GRIDDERS need only to pull some 2,000 fans through the Baker Field turnstiles tomorrow for a new football attendance mark. Of eight games home and away, Lou Little's lads have drawn 232,000 spectators out to the stadium . . . already above the 1945 mark of 231,403 set last season. The alltime high is 233,728.

**NO NEWS YET** from West Point officials on that reported Sugar Bowl bid. The Bowl Assn. of New Orleans says it expects word from the Hudson momentarily.

NAT HOLMAN was presented with a stuffed beaver yesterday, six feet tall and holding a basketball in its paws. The beaver was purchased by the Beaverettes and cost \$475. Garden fans will see it on the court at each CCNY game there.

**RADIO**

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WGXR—News; Beatrice Mery, Songs
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## BOOKS - FILMS - THE ARTS



Mikhail Derzhavin and Andrei Akrikosov discuss the next move in the strategy at Stalingrad in a dramatic scene from "The Turning Point," new Soviet film at the Stanley Theatre.

## Romanian Labor Builds Cultural Activities

BUCHAREST (ALN).—Romanian labor is rapidly building an impressive network of worker's cultural activities which includes 600 choirs, 200 orchestras, 500 actors' groups and 130 dance ensembles, all composed of rank and file union members.

Plans are being made for the opening of a permanent workers' theater in one of Bucharest's finest buildings. Some of the big unions are preparing to build complete community centers, which will include hospitals, libraries and facilities for all recreational and educational activities.

The unions already have 2,300 lending libraries, which operate not only out of workers' clubs but also in factories, villages and military barracks.

The publishing house of the General Confederation of Labor has printed, in less than a year, 13 manuscripts for union organizers, 34 pamphlets and books, nine plays, four song books and two volumes of poetry. Thousands of copies of each are in circulation.



Earl Robinson, noted folk singer, who will present a program of "Songs for Democracy" at a dinner in honor of the Spanish Government-in-Exile on Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the Hotel Roosevelt. The dinner, held under the auspices of the National Committee to Win the Peace, will launch a national drive urging that the United States break relations with Franco Spain and support effective UN action against Franco's fascist regime.

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## Maxwell Anderson's 'Joan'

By Samuel Sillen

DAZZLED by Ingrid Bergman, the drama critics, like the glamor-starved bobby-soxers outside the Alvin Theatre, seem to overlook the fact that Maxwell Anderson has written a new play entitled *Joan of Lorraine*. It is a play with more serious intentions than Miss Bergman's customary vehicles, such as *Notorious* and *Spellbound*. And because it is not a Hitchcock movie, but the statement of a philosophy for modern man, it merits more serious treatment.

Appearing so soon after Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*, *Joan of Lorraine* underscores a widespread sickness of spirit in American writing today. For both plays reveal a mood of withdrawal from reality, of deep pessimism, of a search for consolation through blind belief.

Mr. O'Neill says we can go on living only by clinging desperately to lying hopes and pipe dreams of a tomorrow that will never be. Mr. Anderson says we go on living by an act of "faith," by listening to some mysterious inner voice.

"Why do we believe what we believe?" This is the heart of the new play. And Maxwell Anderson answers that our beliefs cannot be defined, cannot be verified. Reason, science, history—these are nothing compared to some ultimate intuition that is beyond understanding.

This rejection of reason and reality is developed through the device of a play within a play, a device which enables the playwright to project not real, living, suffering and struggling people, but Man in the abstract, Joan of Arc as a symbol of an unbroken faith that creates miracles.

The Joan of the interior play, which a theatre group on a bare stage rehearses and analyzes, is the antithesis of Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*. Where Shaw stresses the conscious, revolutionary figure of the peasant girl who led her people against the British invader, Anderson has emphasized her compliance to voices from heaven.

The interior play dealing with Joan is a conventional piece of theatre which of itself would have little interest. The quarrel between the director and the actress over the interpretation of Joan is more wordy but more significant. The actress (Ingrid Bergman) argues that Joan would not have compromised with the evil courtiers; the director (Sam Wanamaker) insists that compromise with evil is unavoidable in real life. The conflict is resolved with the decision that it is the inner faith that is important, transcending the many concessions to evil that one has to make.



But Mr. Anderson's philosophy actually dissolves all conflict and renders it meaningless. For all actions, all opinions are reduced to a faith that cannot be rationally evaluated. We can have faith only in faith, Mr. Anderson is saying. History is no test, science is no test. The proof of our ideas is not to be found in the world outside us, not in our activities in relation to the world; but within ourselves. And since this intuition cannot be verified, my faith is as good as yours and yours as good as the next man's.

Thus, while the playwright may appear to be making a vital affirmation, he is in reality affirming that moral values are arbitrary and scientific judgment impotent.

Fortunately, Mr. Anderson contradicted the thinking of his own play when he issued a statement attacking Jimcrow in Washington, where *Joan of Lorraine* opened. He did not compromise with evil, nor did he take the view that the bigots are after all also entitled to their faith.

Mr. Anderson, who hates fascism, will recall that the fascists set up mystical intuition against reason, calling on their followers to rely on faith. As capitalist society more and more exposes itself as irrational, its leaders and ideologies more and more insist that we have blind faith. The anti-rational philosophies we have been getting in so many plays and books give comfort to anti-rational forces.

Not one of Maxwell Anderson's better plays, *Joan of Lorraine* has a synthetic quality; it lacks dramatic drive and is awkward in form. While Ingrid Bergman, as the critics unanimously testify, is "radiant," the adjective itself suggests the limits of her role, whether she plays Joan or when she rather implausibly engages in philosophic discourse with the director. Miss Bergman has only imperfectly completed the transition from the film (with its caressing emphasis on close-up) and the stage (with its greater demands on integration with a company).

In his dual role as director and inquisitor Sam Wanamaker turns in an impressive performance; he is undoubtedly one of the ablest of the younger players in the theater today. Romney Brent as the Dauphin does a conventional and at times ludicrous part as the Dauphin, while Lewis Martin is a convincingly wicked Bishop. Most of the other roles are fragmentary.

The play is ably directed by Margo Jones, who did *On Whitman Ave.* Lee Simonson has effectively managed the illusion of a rehearsal stage with his simple sets and complex lighting.

Mr. Anderson says in this play that the theater is the "temple of democracy," but *Joan of Lorraine* is a mystical shrine.

### BRIEFS

Chapter One Party will require footnotes to take care of the overflow, if present responses continue, announced Arnaud d'Usseau, one of the hosts at the literary fun-fest which will be held in the Hotel Albert, University Place and 11th St., Saturday at 8 p.m.

The writers' and radio scripters' affair is the first in a monthly series sponsored by Contemporary Writers, and People's Radio Foundation to "get the authors to meet the people, not the critics." Nina Gorina, Parisian songstress, who has just completed an engagement at New York's Russian Kretchma, will appear among the entertainers, as will Jean Murai, Mexican ballad girl.

### He Gets Around

CHARLESTON, Ore., Nov. 21.—Leonard Hall, local crab fisherman, hauled up one of his pots from five fathoms of water in Coos Bay here today.

In it he found a note in a bottle. The note said:

"Kilroy was here."

Otherwise, the pot was empty.

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# Industry Can Raise Wages Without Price Hike: Murray

By George Morris

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 21.—Industry can grant pay raises "without necessarily increasing prices," Philip Murray told CIO convention today shortly before the body unanimously resolved that "substantial wage increases are imperative" and that the wage struggle is "the important task for the CIO."

## Politics And Bargain Basements

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"Communist" he must either betray his own pledges regarding "no witch-hunts," or he must betray the platform on which such an anti-Hoover coalition must be based. In either case, his basic premise, that the liberal-labor movement must prove its "non-Communism" to its enemies in order to avert a Red-balting attack upon it—this premise is proved by the simplest test to be a hoax, a delusion, or a deception for liberal-labor progressivism in the United States.

**SUPPOSE**, after the labor-liberal progressives in America follow Mr. Lerner's advice and oust all Communists and the GOP-Wall Street tories are still not satisfied?

Suppose they still persist in calling the revived Roosevelt-labor-liberal coalition "Communists," what then?

And, after the experience which America has had with the Hooverites yelling "Communist" at the mildest social reforms of the New Deal, can anyone doubt that the new Hooverism will see "Communism" in any platform whatsoever upon which a liberal-labor coalition would unite?

What would Mr. Lerner do then? Does he hope to challenge the GOP definition of Communism and assert that only members of the Communist Party are Communists? Would he persuade the Hooverites with this infantile logic-chopping, when to them the very existence of the CIO and even of PM itself is proof of Communism?

In short, Mr. Lerner advises the liberal-labor coalition to make itself a prisoner of its deadliest enemies and to commit suicide from the very beginning.

A non-Communist left is a vital part of any democratic movement in the USA.

But a non-Communist left can really be a non-Communist left only if it recognizes it must stand firm for the democratic rights of Communist Americans as well as other Americans. The effort to create a non-Communist left which accepts the reactionary philosophy that democracy does not apply to Communists is doomed to failure. It would have to become an "anti-Communist left."

And an "anti-Communist left" is the cruelist and most deceitful of frauds. It becomes the voluntary executioner of its own liberalism.

Mr. Lerner's political bargain basement has no bargains. His merchandise looks good on the surface, and the sales patter that goes with it is slick. But his gadget would spell the inevitable victory for the reaction he opposes.

(This is the first of two articles. Tomorrow see the article "What Has Mr. Lerner Got Against Communism?"

The CIO president pointed to profits soaring to a rate of over 15 billion annually, the sky-rocketing cost of living and decline of weekly earnings of workers both nominally and in purchasing value. Murray's position received support later in the speech of Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, who reported that 20 percent of workers received no raises since V-J Day, and those who did, got an average of 14½ cents an hour.

But, he added, average weekly earnings in manufacturing were 4.3 percent below April, 1945 and because of the rise in the cost of living index by 14 percent, real wages are 16.6 percent below April, 1945.

Murray lashed out sharply at a *Philadelphia Inquiry* editorial which charged the CIO is "hell bent on an inflationary rampage to destroy the nation's economy."

He cited a similar quotation from a speech of Alfred Sloan of General Motors who implies that the CIO is out for wage raises "irrespective of the economic consequences." Sloan also demanded a "decentralizing of the economic power."

### DECENTRALIZE GM

Murray noted that GM is the most highly centralized business empire and would the CIO come to Congress and ask for decentralization of the GM empire, Murray said "Sloan would howl to high heavens that a socialist revolution was underway."

Why don't the newspapers of the nation do a little editorializing on those subjects? asked Murray. "If the American workers had a good case last Winter to present to the American people, they certainly have a much better case today."

**The CIO never entered a conference in its entire history with**

**the idea of striking,**" said Murray. "It wants collective bargaining, a fair deal for its members—that is all. There is no threat of a strike in the offing."

Murray's speech followed an address by Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers in which a \$12,000,000 "war chest for aid of CIO unions on strike was suggested." Both Reuther and Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union objected to tying wage demands to the Labor Department's cost of living index.

### GIMICK CLAUSE

Their reference was obviously directed against the clause in the Sinclair Oil Co. contract which President O. A. Knight of the Oil Workers described earlier. The contract contains a two-way escalator clause providing for a drop in wages in event the BLS Index drops.

Curran said this policy would "leave the standard of living static." He described the progress made in his own industry which was always substandard until the recent joint action of marine unions. He said the NMU intends to keep raising the standard.

Josh Lawrence, of the NMU said the reason the NMU won out was the wide appeal it made to the public. Howard McKenzie of the NMU also stressed the significance of unity in the maritime industry and the support of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Delegates gave a warm reception

to Leon Jouhaux, vice-president of the World Federation of Trade Unions and one of the secretaries of the French Federation of Labor.

Jouhaux stressed the urgency of international labor unity "without consideration to religion, color, race or political systems, in order to insure peace."

He called for a fight against capitalism, stressing that possibilities for continued peace are "not given by capitalist conditions."

Jouhaux assailed "some governments which say that Franco is a Fascist of particular kind that does not constitute a threat to peace. Franco, I say, is a danger to peace and must go," he said to the vigorous applause of the Convention.

"By their long fight, the Spanish people have won the right to freedom and liberty."

The Brewery Workers Union, recently affiliated with the CIO took the spotlight today as delegate Edward Hughlett described its 25-year fight to preserve the union.

Hughlett said bombs are being thrown at establishments using CIO beer and bottles at windshields of CIO beer drivers. The AFL Teamsters union has also invoked a boycott on deliveries to establishments which use CIO beer.

The Convention voted full support to the brewers.

Schwellenbach was introduced by Murray as "an extremely good Secretary of Labor."

The Secretary said this was the first labor meeting of union leaders that he was invited to since he took the Labor Department post. This was apparently a comment on his failure to get an invitation to the recent AFL Convention. He added, however, that he is neither for the CIO or AFL but "just pro-American labor."

Schwellenbach expressed the hope that "nothing occurs in the next few months which would result in the trade union movement of the country being tied down with legislative straps that it would be unable to effectively perform its obligations."

Schwellenbach also urged enactment of the Minimum Wage Bill and promised he will continue in his policy of eliminating Jimcrow methods in Government employ.

## Ukraine UN Aide Shot; See Political Crime

By United Press

The shooting of a Ukrainian delegate to the United Nations in a \$150 hold-up of a midtown Manhattan delicatessen was held by the Chief of the Ukraine delegation yesterday to be a political crime which his country will investigate.

Dmitri Z. Manuilski, Ukrainian chief, visibly shaken as he made the charge, said he would report on his own investigation of the shooting in the proper place at the proper time.

Police believed Gregory Stadnik, who was wounded in the right thigh, was shot by two gunmen staging the hold-up because he failed to understand the bandits' order to line up in front of a showcase.

Stadnik, who lives in the Hotel Plaza, was accompanied in the Tryon Delicatessen, 36 W. 58 St., by A. D. Voina, a member of the Ukrainian delegation staff. The robbery occurred shortly after midnight as the two Ukrainians entered the store.

It was learned later that the United States may express formal regret to the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic as a result of the shooting.

Stadnik, suffering from a fractured thigh, was rushed to a hospital when police reached the scene. The bullet was removed and a blood transfusion was administered, but his condition was said to be not critical.

## Lewis to Court

(Continued from Page 1) the challenge by smashing not only Lewis but the United Mine Workers as well."

Others included Rep. Rankin (D-Miss), Clare Hoffman (R-Mich), Howard W. Smith (D-Va), Clarence J. Brown (R-O) and Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va).

CLEVELAND, Nov. 20.—A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said tonight it was a "shameful practice" for the United States to attempt to force working people to accept without protest the steady shrinkage of their incomes in the face of soaring living costs.

Whitney asked, "Does the government think an injunction can force coal miners to produce coal or workers anywhere to work against their will?"

"The government's action," Whitney said, "raises the issue whether it will try to govern by decree or arbitrary action or settle disputes through the recognized principle of collective bargaining."



**No Contract—No Work:** Soft coal miner Stanley Gorbek, 52, knocks off work at the Harmarsville mine, near Pittsburgh. He wants a living wage and hour adjustments. There are about 400,000 more diggers like him.

## The Facts in the Miners' Struggle

By Bernard Burton

The history of the miners' negotiations with the government shows that the Truman administration is playing the game of the mine owners.

Last May 22, the government took over the soft coal mines after a six-week strike and the collapse of negotiations with the owners. John L. Lewis and Interior Secretary Julius Krug signed an agreement which included an 18½ cents an hour raise, a welfare fund of five cents a ton and other concessions.

With all this, the miners had to put in 54 hours a week to earn a living take-home pay.

The contract contained a reopening clause and other provisions in the 1945 contract with the

owners. This permitted either party to reopen negotiations on 10 days notice. In accordance with this provision, the UMW on Oct. 21 asked that negotiations for a new contract begin Nov. 1.

### GOVT. RENEGES

On Oct. 22, Lewis was told the contract could not be reopened and that he should negotiate with the private mine owners. But the contract was between the UMW and the government. The UMW charged that the government, in taking this stand, was violating the agreement.

Krug insisted the agreement was to continue for the entire period of government operation, and rejected the UMW's demands. This in spite of the fact that gov-

ernment estimates had shown a tremendous rise in the cost of living.

Krug admitted the owners, "are anxious to regain control of their properties." But he neglected to mention that the mine owners are cheering the government's opposition to the miners' demands.

Krug then proposed a 60-day truce. This would put the whole problem over until Jan. 16 and was just what the mine owners were seeking, with the Republican 80th Congress convening after Jan. 1. The owners expected the new Congress to take "proper steps to handle the situation."

The government's adamant pro-employer stand has forced the shutdown in coal. The fact is that since the negotiations started

Nov. 1 and lasted through Nov. 11, Krug put in only three hours and 58 minutes in talking to union representatives, and his sole proposal was the 60-day truce, during which the UMW would negotiate with the operators—who are not parties to the Krug-Lewis agreement.

One week after the negotiations proved fruitless, the government obtained a temporary injunction to compel the UMW to adhere to the contract which had already been terminated in fact. Both the AFL and CIO rallied against the union-busting injunction, with the CIO convention declaring:

"American democracy cannot tolerate any attempt to impose economic slavery through vicious anti-labor injunctions."